

# Notice to Our Patients

## Minimum Standards for Safe Practice Related to COVID-19

Effective May 1, 2020, the following serves as a notice to our patients of the minimum requirements for COVID-19 standards of safe practice for physicians providing patient care or engaging in an in-person patient encounter in healthcare settings like ours.

### Masks & Distance

A mask must be worn by both the patient and physician or physician's staff when less than 6 feet apart from each other.

### Our Policies

The policies we have set in place for our facility surrounding COVID-19 screening and testing, must be followed at all times.

### Screening

Patients must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms or verified as having been previously screened within the prior 20 days BEFORE any encounter within our office.

### Safety Requirements

The minimum safety requirement for any medical procedure involving mucous membranes, including the respiratory tract, with a high risk of aerosol transmission should include N95 masks (or an equivalent) and face shields.

*Reference: Texas Medical Board, 22 TAC §190.8(2)(U)*